(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The first meeting of the Joint Committee reconstituted pursuant to the elections in the different units was held in March, 1978. At the time of reconstitution it was jointly agreed that the tenure of the committee would be two years.

(c) Due to lack of consensus in the labour side regarding made of determining the representation, it has not been possible to reconstitute the Committee.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) The company has been advised that the Joint Committee has been functioning on a voluntary basis and a solution to the problem of representation may be found by the management through consultation with the parties.

Posting of husband and wife at the same Station

3342. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines for the posting of husband and wife at the same station issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions are being followed in practice by both the Departments of Posts and Telecommunications;

(b) if so, whether any percentage of vacancies has been earmarked for observance of these guidelines;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether application from the persons covered under this policy for posting at the same stations are invited before making promotions|transfers *inter-alia* from persons promoted to Junior|Senior scales of Posts and Telegraph Accounts and Finance service group 'A'; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir, as far as it is administratively practicable.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Earmarking of vacancies for such categories of officials is not possible as the demands for various stations cannot be foreseen. However, all such requests are considered keeping in view the individual as well as public interest.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Applications are not invited as there is no percentage of vacancies reserved for such cases.

Telegrams Delivered by Post

3343. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the percentage of telegrams delivered by post in urban and rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The percentage of telegrams delivered by post during 1987-88 for the entire country is 0.6. The percentage figures for urban and rural areas are not maintained separately.

Booking Orders for power equipment by BHEL

3344. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of booking orders by BHEL as far as power equipment is concerned; and

(b) whether it is a fact that it is starved of orders?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) BHEL has got orders totalling to 10,600 MW for Thermal and Hydro Power equipment.

(b) The major portion of the above orders will be executed during 1988-89 and 1989-90. Steps have been taken to

secure additional orders for BHEL for loading the factories adequately beyond 1989-90.

Losses incurred by DESU

3345. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) has been incurring huge losses;

(b) if so, what are the details of the losses suffered by DESU during the last three years; and

(c) what are the reasons of these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Delhi Elecrtic Supply Undertaking, provisionally estimated losses during the last three years are as follows:—

1985-86	. .	Rs. 56.81 Crore
1986-87	. .	Rs. 119.27 Crore
1987-88	. .	Rs. 155 34 Crore

(c) The main reasons for the losses are all round increase in the cost of in-puts like coal and furnace oil leading to increase in the cost of DESU's own generation, increase in the rates of power purchased from other sources, continued increase in operational costs, increase in T&D losses, increase in revenue arrears and the organisational deficiencies. While there has been a continued rise in input costs, no corresponding increase in electricity tariff of DESU has taken place except a marginal increase effected in April, 1985.

Fiscal Balance between small and large Sectors of Industries

3346. SHRI KAPIL VERMA
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHIL TIRIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken for attaining the fiscal balance between small and large sectors;

(b) what steps Government have taken to see that small industries do not mis-use the package of facilities and concessions available to them and do not flout their social responsibilities; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take so that large units do not diversity their activities into separate small firms to escape taxes, labour laws and other regulations which are part of the organised sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The steps taken by Government include reservation of items for manufacture in the small scale sector, levy of differential excise, reservation of items from the small scale sector for purchase by public agencies and price preference policy for purchases made by Government and public sector undertakings.

(b) Such cases as and when they arise are dealt with on merits.

(c) For preventing large scale undertakings from entering the small scale sector, a proviso has been added to the definition of small scale/ancillary industrial undertaking (with investment limit in plant and machinery of Rs. 35 lakhs in the case of small scale industrial undertaking and Rs. 45 lakhs in the case of ancillary industrial undertaking), that no such undertaking shall be a subsidiary of, or owned or controlled by any other undertaking.

Price control on Bisa Codyl, Dulcolex and Fungal Disease

3347. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 680 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major brands of Bisa Codyl, Dulcolex and that of Fungal Disease is Unienzyme;